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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, BM

SUBJ: BURMESE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON PROTECTIVE ARMOR  
DEVICES FOR HELICOPTERS

1. IN A DISCUSSION OF OPERATION MOHEIN III WITH THE AIR ATTACHE,  
BURMA ARMY ARTILLERY AND ARMOR DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR COL. SEIN TUN  
MENTIONED THAT THE BELL 205A HELICOPTERS USED IN THE OPERATION  
"TOOK THREE HITS" FROM GROUND FIRE, ALTHOUGH NONE WERE DOWNED  
OR FORCED TO LAND AS A RESULT. (HE DID NOT SPECIFY THE NUMBER  
OF AIRCRAFT TAKING ONE OR MORE HITS OR THE CALIBER OF WEAPON  
USED; APPARENTLY THE DAMAGE WAS NOT SERIOUS.) HE STRESSED THAT  
ALL THE INSURGENT/TRAFFICKING GROUPS ARE WELL ARMED, AND HE  
EMPHASIZED THE REAL POSSIBILITY, IN SOME FUTURE ANTI-NARCOTICS  
OPERATION, OF LOSING A HELICOPTER WITH ITS LOAD OF TROOPS  
AS A RESULT OF THE PILOT'S BEING HIT BY GROUND FIRE DURING A  
CRITICAL FLIGHT PHASE.

2. ONE OF THE BURMESE PILOTS, COL. SEIN TUN CONTINUED, HAD  
CALLED HIS ATTENTION TO AN AIRCREW PROTECTION DEVICE (BULLET  
RESISTANT MATERIAL PARTIALLY SURROUNDING THE PILOT'S  
AND CO-PILOT'S POSITIONS) ON THE THAI POLICE HELICOPTER  
DETAINED BY THE BURMESE DURING MOHEIN III. COL. SEIN TUN  
ASKED IF WE COULD PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THIS OR SIMILAR  
AIRCREW PROTECTIVE DEVICES WHICH MIGHT BE AVAILABLE.

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3. SUBSEQUENTLY, AIR STAFF COLONEL KO GYI CONFIRMED TO ADCM  
THE GUB'S INTEREST IN EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF INSTALLING  
SUCH PROTECTIVE DEVICES ON THE BELL 205-A'S.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST THAT ON HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT  
RUDY HALL BRING INFORMATION ON THESE TYPES OF DEVICES,

INCLUDING WHAT IS AVAILABLE AND APPROXIMATE COST.

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